

Remarks

This application contains claims 22-29. Claim 22 has been amended to clarify that power is transferred from the battery to the electric circuit using non-electrical contact coupling. Claims 27 and 28 have been amended to add punctuation consistent with the other dependent claims.

Claims 22-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,840,795 to *Roszyk et al.* (hereinafter *Roszyk*). Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested for at least the following reasons.

Claim 22 recites a method of transferring power on an in- or under-the-water electrically operated device from a battery that is both fully water sealed and, in use, fully electrically insulated to a water and electrically sealed electric circuit in the device. As noted above, power is transferred from the battery using non-electrical coupling. This is advantageous, for example, in that a user can replace the battery in total safety in an electrically operated device dripping with water.¹

Roszyk discloses a device that is powered by a battery. The battery is inductively charged by an external power supply. The battery is then used to power the device using conventional contact circuitry (see, e.g., Fig. 6 of *Roszyk*, wherein the battery 21 is electrically connected to the motor 20 and switch 22 via contacts 21a, 21b, respectively). Thus, *Roszyk* does not teach or even suggest a method wherein power in an in- or under-the-water electrically operated device is transferred from a battery to electrical circuitry using non-electrical coupling.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claim 22 is respectfully requested.

Claims 23-29 directly or indirectly depend from claim 22 and therefore can be distinguished from *Roszyk* for at least the same reasons.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 23-29 is respectfully requested.


¹ See, e.g., page 25, lines 18-20 of the specification

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In view of the foregoing, request is made for timely issuance of a notice of allowance.

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